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U.S. Missile, Bomber Force Holds Nuclear Superiority

The United States, with some 1,400 ICBMs and Polaris missiles as well as almost 700 strategic bombers in its inventory, has unquestionable nuclear superiority today and for the future, according to Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. McConnell.

"But as the communist nations keep striving for advances in their nuclear offensive and defensive capabilities," the general explained, "we could easily lose that superiority unless we can match, step by step, any technological progress they may make."

Gen. McConnell said the Soviets are doubtless engaged in a major effort to create an effective defense system against U.S. strategic missiles, adding that, "It is, therefore, essential that we develop means for insuring warhead penetration to the target against any predictable missile defenses, such as batteries of anti-missile missiles."

The general said current plans for some 210 FB-111s, to be operational by 1971, will provide a sizable fleet of highly-advanced and versatile bombers.

DOD Asks Industry to Help Control Its Supply Inventory

Department of Defense has asked industry to help control items entering DOD's portion of the Federal Cataloging System.

Involved is a $36.9 billion DOD inventory, nearly 30 percent of which is in long supply items. Overall, the inventory costs almost $2 billion yearly to manage and more than 370,000 new items enter the system annually. Included are thousands of items not designed by, or for, the armed forces.

"It is clear that we cannot sit by idly and watch this problem continue," said Paul H. Riley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel Requirements), addressing the National Security Industrial Association in Los Angeles.

Corrective measures have been taken with introduction of Inventory Item Reduction, an integral part of the DOD Cost Reduction Program, and establishment of the Defense Item Entry Control Office.

The secretary said both industry and DOD agree the most beneficial item entry control could be accomplished at a weapon system's design stage or during equipment acquisition.

INTERESTED VISITORS — One of 56 Vietnamese paraplegics undergoing treatment at Castle Point (N.Y.) Veterans Hospital, does exercises for his visitors, Maj. Gen. James W. Humphreys Jr., USAF, Chief, Public Health Division and AID in RVN, and Dr. Richard Rusk, Head of the Institution for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The general recently removed a live grenade from a patient in RVN. (Worldwide News Photo)

Frozen Whole Blood Now Available in RVN

Frozen whole blood is now available in the Republic of Vietnam, Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has announced.

First units of the frozen blood, which can be stored indefinitely, arrived at Da Nang Navy Medical Facility during Christmas week to begin a pilot program which will supplement the conventional blood bank system. Unfrozen whole blood can be stored for only 21 days.

Banks for frozen blood have been set up at Da Nang Station Hospital and aboard the hospital ship USS Repose. Two mobile medical units have been converted for use as mobile blood banks.

Enemy actions in RVN have resulted in sporadic and unpredictable numbers of casualties needing whole-blood transfusions. To meet demands, Navy set up the pilot program to test the practicality of using frozen blood under combat conditions as a supplement to the whole-blood program.

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AF CHIEF OF STAFF Gen. John P. McConnell believes future development of AMSA (Advanced Manned Strategic Aircraft) is desirable. AMSA, with performance characteristics exceeding even those of FB-111, would incorporate every feature desirable in long-range strategic operations, including large payload capacity, which could consist of nuclear weapons, missiles, conventional bombs or any other type of munitions.

AIR FORCE IS flight-testing prototype of new interceptor, YF-12A. Equipped with advanced fire control system and highly-maneuverable air-to-air missiles, YF-12A can engage targets at either low or very high altitudes. Its high cruise speed and very long range would permit rapid deployment to any threatened area in the world.

PEOPLE ARE ARMY'S most precious asset, states Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson, calling for all members to put the "personal" into personnel. An example concerned a sergeant major whose serious injury might have exempted him from further service. Personal interest of many officials helped retain the man, saving time, effort and money for the Army.

ANCHORAGE ARMED SERVICES YMCA, Anchorage, Alaska, received "Blue Ribbon Award" in December for developing and sponsoring squadron-company adoption program. Award was fifth conferred by National Armed Services Program Committee.

FIRST MODEL OF SR-71, newest long-range, strategic reconnaissance aircraft in Free World arsenal, received by Air Force. Engines are first to be flight-qualified at Mach 3 speeds for Air Force.

"ERNIE PYLE WAS a great American and a good reporter in addition to being a fine personal friend of mine. I just wanted to stop and take a look and renew old memories." So said Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., on a recent visit to Ie Shima (five miles from Okinawa), the place where the famed WWII correspondent was killed April 18, 1945. In 1946 Senator Symington, then Assistant Secretary of War, participated in dedication ceremonies of a permanent memorial in memory of Ernie Pyle.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE Civic Action Fund for Vietnam has received over $100,000 in contributions to date. Set goal of $100,000 more by March 1.

GEN. FRANK S. BESSON, CG, Army Materiel Command, arrived Saigon, RVN, Jan. 9 for one-week visit to Army logistics and field forces. He was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ferdinand J. Chesarek, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

COMMUTED RATIONS FOR personnel on leave and those authorized separate rations are now set at $1.10 within CONUS and $1.14 overseas, including Hawaii and Alaska. This represents a one-cent increase over previous rates.

ARMY PERSONNEL LETTER for February reviews actions resulting from DA staff study on manpower and personnel management, determining how Army can best organize, administer and control personnel resources maintaining highest possible readiness while continuing to build for the future. APL is due for field distribution in late January.

RADIO CONTACT WITH Mariner IV indicates space craft which photographed Mars July 15, 1965, is still operating after more than year in space. When radio contact was made Jan. 4, spacecraft was 216 million miles away, greatest distance it will reach before returning to within 30 million miles in 1967.

AIRLIFT TO PACIFIC area reached an all-time high during first half FY66 in both tonnage and passengers. Preliminary figures indicate Military Airlift Command (MAC) traffic up 56 percent in cargo tons and 99 percent in passengers, reflecting growing airlift support for the Republic of Vietnam build up. Compared with last half FY65, cargo increased from 37,684 to 58,858 tons. Passenger traffic rose from 91,994 to 183,132.

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY Group, U.S. Army, Alaska, awarded its second Minuteman Flag by U.S. Treasury Department for 100 percent participation in Army's savings bond program.

SIX HUNDRED TWENTY men of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps began classes Jan. 12 at the Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch, Presidio of Monterey, Calif. According to Col. Richard J. Long, USA, Commandant, this is largest input in recent history of the Institute and brings enrollment to an excess of 2,000.

AIR FORCE AERO Club members, regardless of rank, have been authorized to clear club flights if they are rated military pilots with light aircraft experience or qualified commercial pilots with 500 hours flying time. Clearance authority has rested with local Air Force pilots in past.

ENLISTED TEMPORARY PROMOTION quotas have been released to major Army commanders for the month of January. The authorization is for 207 E-9s; 633 E-8s; 783 E-7s; 1,127 E-6s; 9,487 E-5s; and 22,154 E-4s. Standing quotas have been discontinued until further notice, which means supplementary quotas will not be made as in the past.

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First Manned Moon Landing Urged Start of 10-Year Study

Sixty-five university and government scientists have recommended that the U.S. use the first manned landing on the moon as the starting point for a 10-year lunar exploration program mainly involving manned missions.

This program, using manned moon mission capabilities already being developed by NASA, calls for gradual inclusion of a wide variety of scientific experiments in geology, geochemistry, geophysics and bioscience.

Under the flexible, step-by-step program envisioned by the scientists, one or two manned missions to the moon and one manned lunar orbital mission would be conducted every year through 1974. A similar mission rate would prevail through 1979, but the astronauts would be expected to remain longer on the moon's surface, possibly two months.

AF Commissary Surcharge Back Up to Three Percent

Commissary surcharge—military equivalent of sales tax—is back to three percent at all Air Force stores. Initiated at two percent in 1959, the figure was raised to three percent shortly thereafter and has been at 2½ percent for the past several years.

Officials explained the increase is necessary to meet requirements of expanding needs in support of increased sales.

A Supply and Services spokesman said the surcharge is returned to the military patron in the form of new supplies, equipment and labor saving devices. He emphasized these funds are expended only in the sales store itself.

Air Force and Army commissary sales stores are stock fund operations, a revolving fund. Employees are paid from non-appropriated funds, not surcharge revenue. The Army surcharge has remained at three percent since the stock fund operation started in 1959.

600 Soldiers' Measurements To be Taken in QM Survey

A 22-man survey team from the Army General Equipment Test Activity, Ft. Lee, Va., will conduct a series of 70 different body measurements on 600 soldiers at Ft. Benning, Ga., Jan. 20-25.

The team is working with installation quartermasters throughout the Continental Army Command to gather information for future clothing size systems in the armed forces.

Information gathered at Ft. Benning and other posts will be sent to the Army Laboratories, Natick, Mass., for study.

RESCUED NAVY PILOT—Lt. (j.g.). Tracy J. Potter, USN (right), an F-4B jet pilot from USS Enterprise, sips a cup of coffee aboard a 19th Air Commando Sqdn. C-123 after being rescued by an Air Force helicopter crew, after ejecting about 60 miles from Saigon. At left is Lt. Robert Shoffner, USAF, Administrative Officer, 522nd Medical Corps.

AF Academy Hailed By Board of Visitors

In a report to President Johnson the Board of Visitors to the Air Force Academy said it was favorably impressed by the extraordinary academic accomplishments of the Academy during its relatively short history.

Accompanying the Board's report were comments by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown.

The Board recommended, "The authorization and appropriation of funds as required to meet the expansion program to reach the full authorized strength of 4,417 late in FY71."

Among other items in the report, the Board recognized that the cadet pay scale has not increased to the same extent as have those for most other members of the armed services.

The Board strongly recommended that the decision to suspend cadet overseas field studies be reconsidered.

National Safety Council Cites Army

The National Safety Council has awarded Army its Medal of Honor for FY65; 18th time since 1943 that service has received this highest safety award. The award was based on a year-to-year improvement in accident reduction.

Navy Orders Deep Submergence Tank

Navy has ordered a deep submergence test tank for testing small underseas craft, certain machinery systems and scale models of large craft that may be used in Navy rescue and exploratory operations.

The tank is constructed of steel with 18-inch walls. It is the largest such tank in the U.S. suitable for conducting tests at pressure equal to 27,000 feet of ocean depth.

When the tank becomes operational, Navy plans to conduct research programs in environments simulating depths found in more than 90 percent of the world's ocean area.

Red Cross Collects 32,000 Blood Units in Civil Drive

Students of 260 colleges and universities and members of 37 civic and related organizations have volunteered to donate blood for U.S. armed forces in the RVN.

Red Cross bloodmobiles have collected 32,000 units (individual donations) since the program started in October 1965, in response to spontaneous offers of college students.

The Red Cross will collect the blood and have it processed into gamma globulin and serum albumin, both needed in RVN.

"DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP" — Col. Robert W. Duke, USA, whose 35-man 1st Logistical Command grew to a strength of 24,000 personnel in nine months, was hailed by his successor, Brig. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, for "able and dynamic leadership" in building the massive supply line now serving some 130,000 Free World forces in Vietnam. The colonel left RVN Jan. 8 for an assignment as Chief of Staff, IV Army Corps, Birmingham, Ala.

Sell 50 A-4Bs to Argentina

Fifty A-4B Skyhawks have been sold to the government of Argentina by the United States.

Before joining the Argentine Air Force in June, the former U.S. Navy light-weight, high-performance jet aircraft will be reconditioned in Tulsa, Okla.

The aircraft have been in storage at the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Litchfield, Ariz.

Single Passenger Agency At Europe, Pacific Bases

Under an economy-motivated single agency concept, the Military Airlift Command (MAC) now has responsibility for Air Force Military passenger reservations at four European and five Pacific locations. The command has also been designated to manage DOD passenger reservations.

The new Single Passenger Reservation Agency will eventually eliminate separate Army, Navy and Air Force reservation activities.

A joint-service team headed by MAC and composed of Army, Navy and Marine Corps officials recently briefed Pacific and European area commanders on the system.

USMC Asking Former Recruiters to Reapply

The Marine Corps is asking former recruiters to apply for another tour, particularly those who have been working in their primary MOS for at least two years since the last recruiting tour.

Applicants who completed a successful tour within the last six years will be transferred directly to recruiting stations. Others accepted will attend six-week Recruiters School, Parris Island, S.C.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Brig. Gen. James J. Gibbons, USA, succeeds **Brig. Gen. John D. Torrey Jr., USA,** as CG, VII Corps Artillery; General Torrey now CG, III Corps Artillery. Newly-promoted **Lt. General James B. Lampert, USA,** became Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Jan. 7. **Maj. Gen. T. C. Bedwell Jr., USAF,** reassigned as Special Assistant to AF Surgeon General, relinquished command of Aerospace Medical Division, Brooks AFB, Tex., to **Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Crouch,** Jan. 10. **Mr. Richard A. Beaumont** appointed Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Manpower. **Dr. Jay Tol Thomas** appointed Director of Research and Laboratories, U.S. Army Materiel Command headquarters, Washington, D.C.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Supreme Manufacturing Co., Dallas, N.C.: $1,454,481 fixed-price contract for 3,071,760 men's crew-neck undershirts. **(DSA)**

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio: $3,056,505 fixed-price contract for rubber track shoe assemblies for M113 vehicles. **(Army)**

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Washington, D.C.: $3,740,899 fixed-price contract for steam turbine generator sets for naval ships. **(Navy)**

The Cubic Corp., San Diego, Calif.: $1,731,761 fixed-price provisioning order against an existing contract for modification of geodetic survey microwave equipment. **(Air Force)**

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